

REMARKS

On October 10, 2008, Applicant filed a response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2008. In a subsequent Office communication dated January 5, 2009, the Examiner requested that Applicant provide support in the original disclosure for the subject matter recited in claim 14, and in particular, “the lip including a projection extending inward of the receptacle and engagable with the medical instrument”. Support for the recited subject matter can be found in paragraph [0035] of the specification as originally filed, as well as Figs. 11, 12, 15 and 16.

The present supplemental amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 7, 2008, and to the Office communication having a mailing date of January 5, 2009. After entry of this amendment, claims 9, 11, 13-16 and 21-35 are pending in the Application. No new matter has been added by this supplemental Amendment.

All rejections have been addressed. In view of the above, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the cited prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. It is believed that any fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 18-0013, under Order No. 65937-0047 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged against the aforementioned account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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